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TITLE: DETACHABLE ASSEMBLY OF TWO ELEMENTS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the first Office Action, dated June 27, 2002 (Petition for a Three-Month Extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and requisite fee of \$460.00 (small entity), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE DRAWING

Please substitute the accompanying drawing sheet containing a proposed informal (red-inked) drawing amendment for FIG. 2 for the similarly-numbered drawing figure currently of

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